Obituaries

The Rev. Jesse Blanks

The Rev. Jesse Wooding Blanks, 85, a retired ordained minister, died early Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital. His wife was the late Ora Dillard Blanks.

Born in Pittsylvania County, he was a son of the late Anthony Blanks and Dollie Moon Blanks. He was a retired dairy farmer and was the founder and former pastor of Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He is survived by three sons, George Melvin Blanks of Bedford, Harold T. Blanks of Lynchburg and Jesse Gerald Blanks of Spout Spring; five daughters, Miss Recie Addis Blanks of Madison Heights, Mrs. Thelma B. Marcuson of Appomattox, Mrs. Naomi B. Franklin of Lynchburg, Mrs. Christine B. Hammock of Spout Spring and Mrs. Dollie B. Martin of Lynchburg; a brother, Walter A. Blanks of Hurt; 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday from Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Rev. Danny Penny with burial in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Aubrey R. Carter

Mary Lake Galliher Carter, 70, of 1378 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, died Monday at her residence. She was the widow of Aubrey Randolph Carter.

Born in Johnson City, Tenn., she was a daughter of the late William Henry Galliher and Daisey Lou Price Galliher.

She is survived by four sons, Randolph H. Carter and Ralph Dean Carter, both of Appomattox, Robert Boyd Carter and James Dale Carter, both of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Homer (Ida) Hudson of Lynchburg and Mrs. Edward (Iris) Brooks of Rustburg; a brother, James H. Galliher of Taylors Valley; a sister, Mrs. Lee G. Johnson of Kokomo, Ind.; 18 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Thomas Brooks. Interment was in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Appomattox.

Deward V. Hamlett

Deward Vernon Hamlett, 68, of 441 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, died Friday evening at his residence. He was the husband of Eva Tyree Hamlett.

Born in Charlotte County, he was a son of the late Daniel E. Hamlett and Mary Mann Hamlett. He was a retired employee of Lynchburg Training School & Hospital, and was a member of Oakview Presbyterian Church in Charlotte County.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Joseph Thomas Hamlett of Appomattox; a daughter, Frances H. Goin of Appomattox; a brother, C. R. Hamlett of Victoria; two sisters, Mary H. Parsons and Ronell H. St. John, both of Cullen and a grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by Dr. John L. Suttenfield Interment was in Oakview Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Clarence W. Harris

Clarence Wayland Harris, 71, of Pamplin, died Sunday at his residence. His wife is Virginia Davis Harris.

Born in Coalcreek, Tenn., he was a son of the late Joseph Hood Harris and Annie Crisson Harris. He was a retired employee of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. He served for five years in World War II. He was a member of VFW Post 10487 and the NRA.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three brothers, Dana Harris, John Harris and Robert Harris, all of Richmond; and three sisters, Lois Selz, Marie Thorton and Shirley Meadows, all of Richmond.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pamplin United Methodist Church with burial in the Pamplin Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William W. Harris

William (Brown) Walker Harris, 66, of Madison Heights, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was the husband of Minnie Story Harris.

Born in Appomattox, he was a son of the late Tandy Douglas Harris and Edna Burge Harris. He was predeceased by his stepmother, Anna F. Harris.

He was a retired employee of the Mobile Chemical Co. He was a member of Bayley's Chapel United Mehtodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Norman Wallace Harris and Robert Wayne (Bobby) Harris, both of Madison Heights; eight brothers, Norman Burge Harris and E. Clyde Harris, both of Madison Heights, Allen Lewis Harris, Tandy W. Harris, R. Ernest Harris and F. McArthur Harris, all of Appomattox, and E. Keith Harris and John C. (Pete) Harris, both of Evergreen; six sisters, Mrs. Ruby H. Barnes of Petersburg, Mrs. Anna H. Ferguson, Mrs. Nellie H. Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hackett, all of Appomattox, and Mrs. Juanita Milestead of Lynchburg and Mihie E. Harris of Merritt Island, Fla., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Marshall Anderson. Burial was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Mrs. Andrew A. Maddox

Mrs. Doshie Lewis Maddox, 71, of 700 Selene St., Lynchburg, died Thursday night in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Andrew A. Maddox.

Born in Pamplin, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Homesy Lewis. She was a retired employee of N&W Overall Factory, and was a member of New Testament Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Andrew Howard Maddox of Columbus, Ohio; a daughter, Barbara A. Arganbright of Chicago, Ill.; a sister, Eunice P. Johnson of Newport News; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Carroll Stanley and the Rev. Richard Baber. Interment was in Virginia Memorial Park.

Mrs. Aubrey W. Martin

AMHERST — Sirey Lou Tomlin Martin, 66, of Route 1, died Saturday morning in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Amherst County, she was a daughter of the late James Clifton Tomlin and Nanie Lou Tomlin. Twice married, her first husband was the late Jessie Thompsen Martin and her second husband is Aubrey William Martin. She was a member of Mount Horeb United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Jessie W. Martin of Sweet Briar, Thuel Martin of Buena Vista and James H. Martin of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Emma Louise Burks of Amherst; two sisters, Mrs. Strod Kerr and Mrs. Henry Tomlin, both of Amherst; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Piney River Funeral Home with burial in Mount Pleasant Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Felix T. Tucker

Mrs. Reva May Matheny Tucker, 83, of 2544 Carter St., Lynchburg died Thursday night in the Medical Care Center. She was the widow of Felix T. Tucker.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Henry C. Matheny and Martha Powell Matheny. She was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Christine T. Ragland of Lynchburg; a brother, T. E. Matheny of Lynchburg; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Stephen B. Hassmer. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Geraldine M. Walton

Miss Geraldine Maybee Walton, 77, of Main Street, Madison Heights, died at 12:20 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Camelot Hall Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Born in Madison Heights Oct. 5, 1902, she was a daughter of the late Joshua Thomas Walton and Melissa Kidd Walton. She was a member of Madison Heights Baptist Church.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ralph Ragland of Forest; four brothers, Russell C. Walton and Harry B. Walton, both of Madison Heights, William Langford Walton of Lynchburg and Robert H. Walton of Appomattox and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Friday at Madison Heights Baptist Church by the Rev. Hugh Bumgarner. Interment was in Meade Cemetery.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Robert William Womack

Robert William Womack of Baltimore, Md., died Jan. 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Hospital in Baltimore.

He was born in Pamplin and was a son of Martin and Edmonia Womack. He received his early education in the Prince Edward County Schools and later attended Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg. He was married to the former Jamie Wiley of Farmville.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Robert D. Womack; a granddaughter, Jo-Ann Womack, of Baltimore, Md.; one sister, Mrs. Geneva W. Wiggins of Lynchburg; one brother, Martin Womack, Jr. of Pamplin; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bland-Reid Funeral Home, Farmville, was in charge of funeral services.

Pastor speaks

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"don't forget."

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24f) he was surely not thinking in terms of "If I don't give them this little trick they will surely forget me". Perhaps in our Churches where we have the words IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME we should have FOR THE REMEMBERING OF ME, for the very bringing of me into your presence with power.

In our prayer language we often use the word REMEMBER in this ancient manner. We implore God to REMEMBER this or that. We pray, "REMEMBER not, Lord, our offenses." What are we praying? Certainly not that God would forget - we can't even imagine that. We are praying that His dealings with us will not be motivated by His having our offenses in the forefront of His mind.

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Meeting last week to discuss placement of children were, Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Director of the Appomattox County Department of Social Services; Eva Moore, Social Work Supervisor; James N. Upton, Research Associate with the Academy for Contemporary Problems; Linda Matthews, Longwood College student field placement with Appomattox Department of Social Services; and Dawn Hersey, Foster Care Coordinator.

Local program serves as national model

James N. Upton, interviewer with the Academy for Contemporary Problems, interviewed representatives from the Appomattox Department of Social Services, the Appomattox Department of Education and the 10th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Service Unit to access the effectiveness of the Interstate Placement For Children as related to the respective department Specific attention was directed to interagency relationships.

The Interstate Placement Study, one of the four major issues under a National Research Project with the Juvenile Justice System, will focus on the Virginia Interstate compact for placement of children as a model for other states to study.

The Virginia system focuses on the "Best Interests of Children who are Placed in the Custody of Persons in other States and of children who move from other states to the custody of Virginians."

The impact of the four year joint legislative study "Placement of Children" focused on refining the interstate compact to better serve the needs of our children - those whose living situation crossed state boundaries and those whose welfare could be better served closer to their homes. The tracking system used in Virginia eliminates the "World of Lost Children Found in Some Areas."

Local members of the fifteen member placement committee chaired by Delegate Frank Layton were: Delegate Joan Jones, Lynchburg; Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Appomattox; and Richard Elliott, Attorney, Campbell County.

Appomattox County is one of the rural areas chosen for the National Model Study. Some of the Organizations and agencies represented on the Advisory Board are the Council of State Governments, National Association of Counties, National Governor's Association, and National Conference of State Legislatives.

O'Brien completes training

Kenneth R. O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem H. O'Brien of Route 3, Appomattox, Va., has been appointed a noncommissioned officer (NCO) in the U. S. Air Force. He completed training in management, leadership, human relations and NCO responsibilities, before being awarded this status.

Sergeant O'Brien is a telephone equipment specialist at Loring Air Force Base, here.

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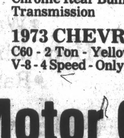

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Miss Debra Lynn Snipes

Miss Snipes wed to Mr. Huff

Wedding vows were exchanged on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, by Debra Lynn Snipes and Kenneth Charles Huff at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Floyd Guill of rural Appomattox.

Pastor David Grove of the Bethel Baptist Church of Appomattox officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, James E. Snipes and attended by her sister, Miss Brenda Snipes. Mr. Lloyd Ayers of Madison Heights was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff will be making their home in rural Appomattox. Mrs. Huff is a senior at Appomattox County High School and employed by King's Market. Mr. Huff is employed by Gravely Construction Company and currently working in Richmond.

Dawsons announce birth of son

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Dawson of Appomattox are pleased to announce the birth of an eight pound, 12 ounce son, Ronald Jacob "Jake", born Jan. 23 in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are also the parents of two daughters, Angela and Janee.

Buckliews announce birth of son

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buckliew wish to announce the birth of a son, James Erie, on Jan. 25 in Shreavport, LA. The Buckliews have two other sons, William Earl and Benjamin Ray.

Mrs. Buckliew (Karen) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Lane of Appomattox.

Almonds announce birth of son

Bascomb and Teresa Almond, Jr. of Spout Spring announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Scott.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner of Appomattox and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Almond of Evergreen.

Receives degree

Robert Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lane, Jr., Rt. 1, Spout Spring, Va., has completed the requirements for the B. A. degree at Lynchburg College. Lane majored in business administration.

He and other January graduates at the College will participate in the traditional ceremonies to be held on campus May 10.

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Mrs. Thelma Hughes and Mrs. Dot Wilkerson recently spent the day at Lovingston visiting Mrs. Hughes' relatives. They also visited her mother at Ryan's Nursing Home in Amherst.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and Jennifer of Blacksburg spent the week end with Mrs. Mott's mother, Mrs. Frances H. Paulette.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan spent Saturday afternoon in Farmville where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Mel Coleman and Mr. Campbell B. "Pee Wee" Overton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ferguson spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson.

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Mrs. S. J. Evans entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Wednesday and will undergo eye surgery today.

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Mr. M. D. "Andy" Anderson is recovering at his home from a recent illness.

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Junior Franklin and Virginia Lee Demers have been on the sick list.

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Harry Ferguson, Jr. is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital where he is receiving treatment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mott and Jennifer of Blacksburg, E. W. Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and B. H. and Tracey were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mrs. Frances H. Paulette.

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Sweetheart dance slated Fri. evening

The Delta Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold its annual Sweetheart Dance this Friday (Feb. 8) from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Lynchburg Express of Lynchburg. (The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the 1980 Sweetheart Queen.

There are still a few tickets left. Anyone desiring a ticket may contact any chapter member.

Named to dean's list

Jimmy Baxter, a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School has been named to the dean's list at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.

Jimmy, an accounting major, was ranked in the top five percent of VCU's enrollment in the School of Business.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baxter of Appomattox.

Named to dean's list

Wanda Gail Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dallas Moore of Concord, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Virginia.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale and carry a course load of at least 12 credit hours.

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Mr. and Mrs. Erman K. Austin celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Erman K. Austin of Route 4, Appomattox were honored Jan. 25 with a family party at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Erman J. Austin of Route 2, Concord, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The party was given by their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Erman J. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Austin, Mr. Finest Austin, and their daughter, Ms. Dorothy Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin have four children, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They were married Jan. 25, 1930 at the home of her parents in Appomattox County by the Rev. Spencer Moore.

Dessert, bridge planned by St. Anne's

St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue is having a bridge (or other cards) party on Friday evening, February 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dessert, coffee and other refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded at each table. There are also lovely door prizes to be awarded.

Get your table together now and enjoy an evening out. The cost is $12 per table and for further information or reservations call Mrs. Hattie Grace Mathews or Miss Edith O'Brien at 352-5666 or 352-8738.

Lynchburg UMC conference set

The 112th session of the Lynchburg District Conference of the United Methodist Church is set for Sunday, February 10, 2:30 p.m., at Court Street Church in Lynchburg.

The Rev. H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., district superintendent, will preside over the conference attended by ministers and lay delegates from 99 local churches in the city of Lynchburg and seven counties in central Virginia. The Rev. Robert L. Watts is host pastor.

Speaker will be Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, resident bishop of the Richmond area, which includes the Lynchburg district. Due to his expected retirement this summer, this may be the last occasion on which Bishop Goodson will address a general gathering of United Methodists in the area. He has served as bishop for the area since 1972.

Music will be furnished by a combined youth choir from Fort Hill and Centenary United Methodist Churches, under the direction of Mr. Roger C. Dowdy and Mrs. Patty B. Bird.

Mr. Robert B. Carpenter, district lay leader from Altavista, will introduce to the conference some 50 lay persons who were recently certified as lay speakers for 1980.

WOW Grove makes plans for year

Woodmen of the World Grove 6073 met Monday, Jan. 28, at Maudes Restaurant.

Plans and objectives for the year were outlined and discussed. Committees were set up and chairpersons were appointed.

The Grove has an exciting year planned and urges all members to be present at the next regular meeting on Feb. 25 at the Lodge Hall.

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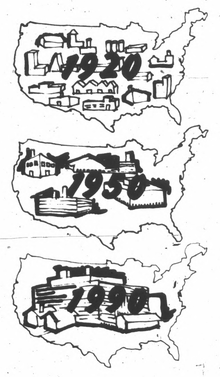

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